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CONTROLLING INFUSION OF)
A LIQUID IN AN)
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)
CIRCUIT)

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. German Patent Application No. DE 19654746;
2. German Patent Application No. DE 4240681;
3. European Patent Application No. 1095666.
4. WO00/09182.
5. WO98/50091; and
6. European Patent Application No. 1097724.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of non-English language documents 1-5 above, an English-language abstract of the documents setting forth the relevance is enclosed. Also, in lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents 1-6 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. Also enclosed is a copy of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/705,740, filed November 6, 2000, which corresponds to number 6 above.

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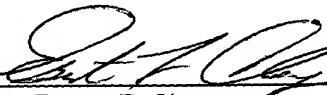
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